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VISITOR DEATH AT BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK RULED A SUICIDE

A visitor to Big Bend National Park died on the evening of January 25, 2006, from a self-inflicted gun shot wound. Todd Chandler, age 41, of Conroe, Texas, was camping at the Solis # 4 backcountry campsite on the Rio Grande when the incident occurred. The victim's father, who was at the campsite at the time of the shooting, drove out to Rio Grande Village that evening to report the incident. NPS Rangers, assisted by the FBI, investigated the case.

"The incident was not related to any criminal activity associated with the international border," stated Chief Ranger Mark Spier. Superintendent John H. King further commented, "We are saddened by this event and express our condolences to Mr. Chandler's family."

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